# GROUT ANSWERS QUESTIONS

*TELLS DEPOSITORS OF UNION BANK OF HIS WORK.*

**Informs Them Why He Kept Southworth and Ashley in the Bank's Employ —Hint of More Indictments—Miss Burkhardt Still Away From Brooklyn.**

William S. Woodenbury, secretary of the depositors' committee of the defunct Union Bank, which is under investigation in Brooklyn, wrote to Edward M. Grout yesterday asking him to explain certain things that came up under the management of the bank while Mr. Grout was president. Mr. Grout replied to Mr. Woodenbury last evening, his explanation in part being:

"You ask how I reconcile the retention of Kenneth A. Southworth, first as manager of the main office and then as an officer of the bank, and the retention of James T. Ashley, cashier of the bank, and Charles N. Smith, manager of the Atlantic branch, with my statement of August 14, 1908, that 'the bank will resume business next Monday morning under entirely new management.'

"It never was intended or understood by anybody that every manager and employee of the bank was to be changed, and nothing but chaos could have resulted from so doing. It is not true that Mr. Cheney urged me to dispense with Mr. Southworth's services. He told me a part of what Mr. Southworth had testified to, but said that the bank officers would have to pass upon the question of retaining him. The best answer to your question is to recall to you that after the bank closed in April, 1910, Mr. Cheney himself kept Mr. Southworth for five months in the employ of the Banking Department.

"It must be evident to you that when the bank reopened on August 17 nobody could have been under any misunderstanding in regard to Mr. Ashley's retention. I may add that Mr. Cheney also kept Mr. Ashley after the final closing of the bank, and for the same reasons that I kept him, that is his knowledge of the bank's business and its customers, and kept him for over a year."

As to his brother, Paul Grout, charging the Union Bank $15,000 for a loan Mr. Grout said:

"You are in error. He did not charge for arranging a loan, but for the legal work which was necessary in carrying the loan through. This work was very considerable in amount, I am advised (I have no personal knowledge, having been ill at the time), and the question of the charge is now in the Supreme Court before Judge Hurd, at the instance of the Bank Department, who, and not you or I, will determine whether or not the charge is proper."

Mr. Grout said he made no pledge that there should be no bonus paid on a loan from the Metropolitan Trust Company. He was never personal attorney for David A. Sullivan, president of the Mechanics and Traders Bank, and he did not know the Union Bank was "defunct" when reopened. As to his letter that he would testify at the investigation, Mr. Grout said he never was willing to be called upon to testify without access to the books and papers of the bank. Mr. Grout accuses Mr. Woodenbury of having asked the questions for the purpose of a newspaper attack rather than to get at the facts.

If any additional indictments are found in matters pertaining to the old Mechanics and Traders Bank—and rumor has it that five have already been decided on—they will be handed up to Judge Dike in the County Court in Brooklyn on Friday. Neither District Attorney Clarke nor his special assistant, Louis Goldstein, would say yesterday whether more indictments may be expected, but Mr. Goldstein said that Louise Burkhardt had not been before the Grand Jury as yet.

Miss Burkhardt was David A. Sullivan's secretary when he was president of the Mechanics and Traders Bank. The bank probers think that Miss Burkhardt can tell them more perhaps than anybody else. She appeared at one of the earlier sessions of the Union Bank investigation, coming from New Jersey to do so, and promised then to be on hand whenever wanted, but that is the last time that any of the officials interested in the matter have seen her. She is believed to be in New Jersey and it is possible that Mr. Clarke may take steps to compel her attendance before the Grand Jury. It is possible that the young woman may be able to throw light on inside matters relating to the reopening of the Mechanics and Traders as the Union Bank.

This period of the bank has barely been touched upon as yet, owing largely to Edward M. Grout's refusal to testify regarding his administration of its affairs as president. Mr. Grout has said that he is willing to testify if the probers will give him an idea beforehand of what they want to know, but this they have been unwilling to do. Miss Burkhardt, they believe, can give them at least a working line on matters relating to the reopening that are now hopelessly snarled. In order to expedite matters the present Grand Jury will be continued into October. The Union Bank investigation will go on to-day.

*CHIEF DEVLIN'S FUNERAL.*

**Large Honor Escort Will Follow Body of Fireman to Grave.**

The funeral of Battalion Chief William Devlin, who died on Sunday afternoon at St. Vincent's Hospital as the result of injuries received at a fire at 506 Broome street on September 20, will be held this morning at 9:30 o'clock from his late residence, 389 Jewett avenue, West New Brighton, and there will be services immediately afterward at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, at Manor road and Cherry lane, West Brighton.

A hundred officers and members of the Fire Department will attend the services in uniform. Six companies of ten men each in command of Deputy Chief William T. Beggin will act as funeral escort. Deputy Chief Thomas J. Hayes and five chiefs of battalions will be the pallbearers.

"We want to do all possible honor to this man who received fatal injuries in the discharge of his duty," said Commissioner Johnson yesterday, "and therefore we of the Fire Department are coming out in greater numbers than ever before except at the funeral of Commissioner Bonner in 1908."

*MISS MURPHY IN NEW HOME.*

**Central Park Hippo and Son Caliph Go Into Winter Quarters.**

The winter season in Fifth avenue was officially inaugurated yesterday when Mrs. Murphy deserted the al fresco villa where she has been staying since May 15 and took up her residence in the apartments in the animal house at Sixty-sixth street which she has occupied for so many years. She was stunning in a rat colored gown which hung in heavy folds about a plump figure. As she progressed into the apartment house surrounded by a retinue of servants wearing the Murphy livery of blue and white striped suits surmounted by navy blue black visored caps hundreds of her friends and admirers followed her movements breathlessly. Within doors she received a noisy welcome too, for she is beloved as the leader of the older set in Central Park menagerie society, and the lady hippo returned the salutations with condescending snorts. Caliph, Mrs. Murphy's three-year-old son, accompanied his mother.

Mrs. Murphy is now 28 years old, the mother of nine children and will soon add a tenth to her family.

*STANDS OFF A BANK ROBBER.*

**Clerk in a Belleville Bank Fights a Thief With Revolver Successfully.**

BELLEVILLE, N. J., Sept. 26.—With only a slight cut on the face, Donald H. Cameron, a clerk in the Belleville National Bank, came out ahead in an encounter at 8 o'clock this morning with a bank robber. The man held up Cameron with a revolver, but Cameron closed on him and they engaged in a struggle, during which three shots were fired. The bank clerk took the pistol away from the intruder twice before he succeeded in getting aid.

The robber gave his name as Samuel A. Hamilton, 29 years old, of Chicago. He admitted coming to the town for the express purpose of robbing the bank. On Friday last, he said, he had entered the building to "size it up." His plan for robbing the bank was to force the first man on hand to open the vault and then to wait for each employee as he arrived and chloroform him. After accomplishing this he intended to lay all of the bank officials in a row on the floor and proceed to loot the safe. Cameron was the first to arrive at the bank. He was approached by Hamilton, who carried a suit case and who said he was on his way to Pittsburg and wanted to deposit $900. Not suspecting anything wrong Cameron walked back to the cashier's office and before he could get seated in a chair to discuss business he saw a revolver levelled at his head.

"Hold up your hands!" demanded Hamilton.

Cameron did nothing of the kind. He made a quick jump and knocked the revolver out of the robber's hand. Then they clinched. Their struggle continued for ten minutes. Once the thief got the revolver from Cameron, who had picked it up, and then Cameron got it away again. Cameron then aroused the janitor, Elmer Peterson, by discharging the revolver. When Peterson arrived Cameron, with the revolver in his hand, had Hamilton in one corner with his hands up. While the clerk and janitor guarded him Peterson's wife ran out for Policeman William Sullivan. The latter hurried to the bank, snapped handcuffs on the prisoner and locked him up in the police station.

When searched Hamilton had two bottles of chloroform, thirteen white handkerchiefs and a small sponge in the suit case he carried. He admitted that his plan was to put all the bank force to sleep. None of the detectives who visited the Belleville lockup could identify the prisoner.

*SPRAY OF MUD AND WATER.*

**Newark Man Arrested for Swindling People Who Wanted to Save Shade Trees.**

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Sept. 26.—Ellis P. Earle, head of the Nipissing Mines Company, who has one of the handsomest places in Montclair, on Edgewood terrace, was one of the patrons of William Pullen, who is alleged to have victimized many wealthy Montclair residents by the treatment of their shade trees with a remedy, which he said developed their growth and killed the blight, which destroyed their foliage. Pullen, who gave his address as 123 Milford street, Newark, was arrested to-day by Chief of Police Harry Gallagher as he was spraying trees on the grounds of R. H. Adams of Orange road. He was held in bail for the Grand Jury to answer the charge of obtaining money under false pretences.

Before Pullen was arrested the Montclair Shade Tree Commission secured a sample of the material with which he sprayed the trees, and a chemist who analyzed it said that it was composed of water and mud, and had none of the properties claimed for it. Pullen, it is said, received from $5 to $8 a tree for spraying his dope and collected hundreds of dollars in this town and Glen Ridge. The man's claim that his compound was effectual in destroying the blight that has affected chestnut trees attracted the attention of the Shade Tree Commission because the Department of Agriculture at Washington has tried in vain to find a remedy that would save these trees.

The Montclair Shade Tree Commission will shortly remove a tree which has stood on Orange road in this town for 150 years. The tree is outside the curb line and has been permitted to remain there because of its picturesque features. Recently A. R. Littlewood of 23 Orchard street crashed into the tree with his automobile and damaged the machine. He has asked the town authorities for damages.

*MOVED BACK WITH HIS HOUSE.*

**Wouldn't Leave His Place Unless His Domicile Went With Him.**

John M. Hack moved yesterday for the first time in forty years. His home was formerly in 21 Academy street, Long Island City. His new address is 420 Jackson avenue, facing the broad plaza of the Queensboro Bridge, but he is still living in the same house which he built forty years ago, the only difference being that it is now resting on a site valued at $125,000. Hack says he doesn't believe in moving and despite the fact that his house has changed its situation Hack says that so far as he is concerned he has not moved.

For years Hack and his wife and three daughters lived in seclusion in their one and a half story cottage hidden behind fruit trees and a grape arbor. When the Queensboro Bridge was opened they found themselves within less than half a block of the north side of the big plaza and Hack's lot had suddenly developed into a gold mine. A procession of real estate speculators wore a way through the trellis of trees and grape arbors and a short time ago Hack disposed of the property to the corporation which is going to build a $1,250,000 skyscraper for Queens.

In the contract was inserted a provision that Hack could stay in possession of his house until next spring. This was an obstacle in the way of starting immediate operations and finally Hack agreed to change his situation provided the house went along. John L. Klages owns the site facing the bridge plaza on Jackson avenue and the corporation agreed to give him the house if he would allow it to be placed on his vacant lot. Hack to continue his occupancy until spring. Without interruption in the domestic routine the house was moved several blocks to its present site. The house is worth several hundred dollars and Mr. Klages has already had an offer of $70 a month rent for the place as soon as Hack's tenure expires.

*ARMED GUARDS FOR TRACKMEN.*

**D., L. & W. Strike Breakers Assaulted While Working on Bloomsburg Division.**

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 26.—Special officers armed with rifles were stationed along the Bloomsburg division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad to-day and also were put on most of the trains that passed along the division.

They are to guard a strike breakers who were put to work to-day in place of the striking trackmen. Assaults on some of these trackmen in the last two days made the railroad officials believe that the special guards were necessary.

TRENTON, Sept. 26.—State Labor Commissioner Lewis T. Bryant after an effort to settle the strike on the Lackawanna Railroad to-day reported that his conference with President Truesdale of the railroad had been fruitless so far as a settlement of the strike is concerned.

President Truesdale, according to Commissioner Bryant, refused to confer with the strikers in any way.

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# GAYNOR GREETS LIBRARIANS

*OPENING OF THE CONVENTION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION.*

**The Mayor Isn't Sure About the Usefulness of the Ten Best Sellers, but Is Sure That Libraries Do Much Good —Reception at Aldine Club Follows.**

Mayor Gaynor, in his speech of welcome to the members of the New York State Library Association at the opening session of its convention, which was held yesterday morning in the auditorium of the Engineering Societies Building, described the typical librarian as the most patient person in the world and spoke of the reference library as one of the great educational influences of the community.

"I do not know," he continued, "that I can commend a library that circulates the ten best sellers and such books as that. I have my doubts whether they are much good, but maybe it is better to read them than to read nothing."

After speaking of the progress of libraries since the period of the famous one at Alexandria the Mayor declared that the public school, the jury system and the library were the principal agencies in the spread of learning among the masses.

"They have caused the centre of thought to pass from the few to the many," he added.

As for the destruction of the library at Alexandria, he said he didn't believe it was done by the order of a caliph at all, because the Saracens were too intellectual and broadminded to be willing to part with such a valuable collection of Greek classics. "I guess the Christians got away with most of those rolls before the caliph came over there," he explained.

After telling the story of a clergyman who said he was unable to find one life of Oliver Cromwell in the New York Public Library, although Brooklyn could show twenty, including that by Theodore Roosevelt, the Mayor offered to do anything in his power to make the stay of the visiting librarians a pleasant one and said he hoped the librarian from Pittsfield, Mass., who had shown him so many rare books ten years ago was attending the convention.

Dr. Frank B. Hill, president of the association, spoke of the progress made in New York and Brooklyn public libraries in meeting the requirements of the constantly increasing number of readers. He discussed the development of the library in New York and in other States and urged the smaller library associations to combine into a large central organization.

Miss Caroline F. Webster read a report on rural libraries and addresses were made by J. T. Wyer, director of the New York State Library, and Raymond A. Pearson, State Commissioner of Agriculture.

A reception for the librarians was given at the Aldine Club in the afternoon by the Baker & Taylor Company. Among those present were Dr. Frank B. Hill, Mrs. T. W. Elmendorf, president of the American Library Association; Paul E. More, editor of the *Nation*; Arthur B. Maurice, editor of the *Bookman*; Miss Jeanette Gilder, Miss Mary Garrett Hay, George Buchanan Fife, Francis Whitney Halsey, John Butler Yeats, Mrs. William Grant Brown and Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer.

The librarians went to the Hippodrome in the evening.

*SHE HAD A REVOLVER IN COURT.*

**Mrs. Hess Came for a Warrant for Her Husband and Was Locked Up Herself.**

Carrying a new revolver fully loaded in a handbag, Mrs. Annie Hess, 40 years old, of 243 East Fifty-fifth street, Manhattan, was arrested after a struggle in the Long Island City police court yesterday and was arraigned before Magistrate Smith and held in $500 bonds for the Grand Jury on a charge of violating the new Sullivan law. She was in search of a warrant for the arrest of her husband, Joseph, on a charge of abandonment.

Mrs. Hess told the court that her husband is employed by Herrmann & Grace, 671 Bergen street, Brooklyn, and lives somewhere in Seventeenth avenue, Long Island City. She appeared in court on Monday and told her story to Complaint Clerk Daniel Quinn, who sent her to the Bureau of Charities in Brooklyn to get an order for the warrant. On leaving the building yesterday Mrs. Hess exhibited a revolver to several spectators, with the remark that she would get her husband one way or another.

When she arrived in court this morning carrying the same handbag Miss Myrtis Fish, the probation officer, invited her into the Judge's private room, where she was asked to open her handbag. She refused, and while she was seized by Patrolman Galvin Miss Fish and Patrolman Johnson wrenched the bag from her grasp. Inside was the new revolver and $10.50 in money. Weeping, she asked Magistrate Smith to be fined $10. She said she had the weapon because she thought she might have to serve the warrant herself and was afraid of her mother-in-law. She was locked up in default of bail.

*COMPLAINANT CARRIES A GUN.*

**Gets Permission From Court While Blackmail Trial Is On.**

Just before Judge Swann opened the continued trial yesterday morning of the three alleged blackmailers in General Sessions which began Monday Gaetano Sferrazza, the complaining witness, told the Judge that he had received letters apparently from friends of the accused trio telling him that his life would be in great danger in the event of the conviction of the three men. Sferrazza said he felt that he was not safe and wanted the court to grant him the permit to carry a revolver. Judge Swann gave him the permit.

The three men accused of blackmailing are Salvatore Romano, Antonio Licchi and Pasquale Lopipero. Yesterday was consumed in hearing the story of their arrest.

*ALLEGED BIGAMIST HELD.*

**Former Telephone Girl Says Miller's First Wife Is Alive.**

George S. Miller of Mount Kisco, living at the Hotel Avon, at Thirtieth street and Lexington avenue, who was charged with being a bigamist on Monday night by a woman who claimed to be his second living wife, waived examination before Magistrate Herrman in Jefferson Market court yesterday afternoon and was held in $1,000 bail for examination on Thursday.

The new Mrs. Miller is 19 years old and was Frances Jamison, a telephone operator in Miller's hotel. She said that on June 22 of last year she married Miller in the Little Church Around the Corner. Immediately after the marriage, she continued, her husband's manner changed, and he seemed to dislike her company. For a week they stayed in the Hotel Imperial and from there went to the Adirondacks and there joined the summer colony at Rye, N. Y. On their third day there she learned, she said, that her husband had another wife.

His first wife was Elizabeth Tompkins of Tarrytown. They were married in this city in 1901.

*DR. THAYER SUES BANKER COOK.*

**Asks $25,000 Damages for Alienation of Wife's Affections.**

NETCONG, N. J., Sept. 26.—Suit for $25,000 damages for the alienation of his wife's affections was brought to-day by Dr. Henry W. Thayer against David W. Cook, president of the Citizens National Bank of this place. Dr. Thayer recently made a stir by assaulting the banker on the station platform here and after that charged J. Frank Best, cashier of Cook's bank, with abstracting papers worth $10,000 from a safety deposit box he rented there.

Dr. Thayer regarded the banker as the destroyer of his domestic happiness. Mrs. Thayer denied that she ever entertained any affection for the banker but on the contrary resented his unwelcome attentions. Cook boarded at the home of Dr. Thayer when the latter and his wife lived next door to the bank.

Mrs. Thayer some time ago accused Postmaster Abram J. Drake of sending her improper letters, but after the post office inspectors exonerated Drake she shifted the blame to Cook.

*DIX AND BOXING.*

**Governor Holds Two Conferences, but Isn't Ready to Act.**

ALBANY, Sept. 26.—Gov. Dix returned to Albany from Lake George to-day.

The Governor had a talk this afternoon with State Boxing Commissioner Dixon and Bartow S. Weeks, who at the outset refused an appointment from Gov. Dix as a member of the State Boxing Commission.

The Governor talked with Mr. Weeks and Commissioner Dixon for half an hour and the conference then was adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Gov. Dix arranged to talk with them again at that hour. Meanwhile all three refused to discuss the subject of their conference.

After his second talk with Commissioner Dixon and Mr. Weeks Gov. Dix stated that he would have nothing definite to give out regarding the situation until he had received an opinion from Attorney-General Carmody regarding the validity of the lease of Madison Square Garden for boxing exhibitions. Upon this opinion will depend whether or not Gov. Dix will suggest amendments to the Frawley law at this session of the Legislature.

Gov. Dix said he expected to have Attorney-General Carmody's opinion some time to-morrow. Not until then will he make any statement regarding his conferences to-day or with reference to the appointment of a successor to Chairman James E. Sullivan, who resigned as a member of the commission. Commissioner Dixon stated that Mr. Weeks came to Albany in the capacity of a friend of the commission and of the Frawley law.

*$50,000 TO LOOK INTO ALBANY.*

**Senator Hayne's Committee Likely to Spend That on City and County.**

ALBANY, Sept. 26.—State Senator Howard R. Bayne, who is chairman of the legislative committee appointed to investigate conditions of government in Albany city and county, had a long talk to-day with James W. Osborne, the counsel for the committee. Mr. Osborne has been in Albany for the last two weeks delving into many things which are to be inquired into by the committee.

After Mr. Osborne detailed to Senator Bayne the result of his investigations so far Senator Bayne stated that he felt satisfied that there was much for the committee to accomplish in Albany, and Senator Bayne and Mr. Osborne called upon Gov. Dix and stated that they would need $50,000 to conduct the investigation in view of certain developments which they did not feel at liberty to divulge now.

Senator Bayne assured Gov. Dix that he felt the results of the investigation would justify the appointment and expense of his committee, and Gov. Dix agreed that the appropriations for the expenses of the committee should be increased from $25,000 to $50,000. Shortly after Senator Bayne and Mr. Osborne left Gov. Dix, Senator Bayne announced that the investigation would be opened and the taking of testimony commenced at 11 A. M. next Tuesday. The sessions of the committee will be held in the Senate chamber if the Legislature has adjourned by that time.

**Conservation Commission's Appointments.**

ALBANY, Sept. 26.—The State Conservation Commission has appointed ex-Mayor Joseph M. Hogan of Troy as confidential agent, in place of Thomas Douglass of Albany, resigned, at a salary of $1,800 a year, and has appointed Thomas Radigan of Ogdensburg confidential secretary to Commissioner Van Kennen, also of Ogdensburg, at a salary of $2,000 a year. The commission has granted the application of the Castle Heights Water Company to acquire more lands for an additional water supply for the village of White Plains.

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# PASS NEW CHARTER THURSDAY

*PROGRAMME AT ALBANY, WHERE WORK BEGINS TO-DAY.*

**Discussion of the Measure To-day Probably—Vote on Gittins Racetrack Bill a Possibility—New Clerk of the Assembly to Succeed Luke McHenry.**

ALBANY, Sept. 26.—The Senate and Assembly will resume sessions in earnest to-morrow, and the general expectation is that the new charter for New York city, the Congressional reapportionment bill, the direct nominations question and the appropriation bill will be voted upon and disposed of by the end of the week and that the Legislature will adjourn by Saturday night, if not by Friday night.

George R. VanNamee of Watertown, Jefferson county, the acting clerk of the State Assembly, to-morrow will be elected clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Luke McHenry. Mr. VanNamee was a personal friend of the late Assembly clerk and was Mr. McHenry's assistant up to the time of his illness. Mr. VanNamee has acted as the reading clerk of the Assembly since January and has proved an exceedingly adaptable man behind the desk.

The Senate met at noon to-day and adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Senators Grady and Fiero were the only members present. Majority Leader A. E. Smith presided in the Assembly when it met at 11 o'clock and adjourned until 11 A. M. to-morrow. There were three other members of the Assembly present. The Senators and Assemblymen have been notified by telegraph to be on hand to-morrow for a full day's business and so far as known all legislation which is to be considered is in final form now, ready for a vote in both the Senate and Assembly.

The New York charter can be passed on Thursday, it was said to-day, without the necessity of an emergency message from the Governor, as it was placed in final printed form upon the Legislative desks yesterday. Mr. Smith said that some time would be devoted in the Assembly to-morrow to a discussion of the New York city charter and that if there was a full attendance of members there would be votes upon other legislative measures, including the Gittins racetrack directors' non-liability bill.

Senator Grady to-day, upon behalf of F. B. De Berard of the Merchants Association, introduced a bill permitting the retention for the traffic squad in New York city of the services of 500 sergeants and patrolmen without regard to the three platoon police law.

Senator McClelland introduced two bills, one to provide a procedure for the prompt review of an apportionment by the Legislature or other body and the second bill regulating proceedings by mandamus for the review of such an apportionment. This proposed legislation is aimed to permit further litigation testing the constitutionality of the present State Senate and Assembly apportionment.

It is provided in the second bill that any judgment or other judicial determination heretofore or hereafter rendered in any action or proceeding determining the constitutionality of an apportionment made by the Legislature or other body shall not be conclusive of the constitutionality of such apportionment, except upon the issues expressly determined in such judgment or judicial determination, and shall not preclude any citizen from hereafter questioning the constitutionality of such apportionment on other grounds.

A bill somewhat similar to the first of these measures passed the Legislature earlier in the year and became a law, but this law is repealed by this new legislation, as the law apparently does not fully meet the desires of those who are to continue the fight in the courts against the Hughes apportionment of 1907.

*COLONEL ALLOCUTES GRANGERS.*

**A Speech Over the Balustrade With a Co-operative Venture in the Background.**

Grangers to the number of 105 representing every county in the State of Pennsylvania, who are in New York looking into the system of distribution of farm products, went over to the *Outlook* offices yesterday morning to see ex-President Roosevelt. There were too many to get into any of the offices, so they stood in the hall and Col. Roosevelt spoke over the balustrade of the stairs. The farmers are in town in an effort to see if they can't cut out some of the profits that come between the farmer and the consumer. Mr. Roosevelt said that this purpose met with his heartiest sympathy.

"I don't object in the least," he said, "to paying more for something if I am paying more to the farmer or to the laborer. What I do object to is paying profits to three persons who stand between me and the worker. I believe in a high standard of wages, but I believe that we should drive out every middleman who does not help the consumer. Certain middlemen are indispensable, and they deserve to get their reward. I want to pay a man when he does work, but I don't want to pay a man for being in the way. A man doesn't deserve a living unless he does work."

The Grangers are in town for three days at the instigation of the United Stores Association, which plans a system of distribution without middlemen. Before going to call on Col. Roosevelt they held a business meeting at the offices of the United Stores Association at 1261 Broadway. Patrick Egan, ex-Minister to Chile, a vice-president of the association, went along to the *Outlook* offices and after the Colonel had said his say introduced the Grangers as they filed by and shook hands with the ex-President. There were more business sessions in the afternoon and last night.

This morning the Grangers are going over to Brooklyn to look over the Bush Terminal. There will be two conferences to-day at the Waldorf, one at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the other at night. Borough President Cyrus C. Miller, W. Grant Brown, B. F. Yoakum and George T. Powell, C. Paul Hagenlocher, R. Onffroy and W. T. Creasy of the United Stores Association are listed to speak at the afternoon session. In the evening the speakers announced are the Rev. Josiah Strong, Commissioner of Weights and Measures Walsh, Moses McKee and J. W. Kjelgaard and E. B. Dorsett of the association.

*PRESIDENCY THAT DOESN'T PAY.*

**Judgment Debtor Gets Nothing for Heading Long Acre Electric Light Co.**

Supreme Court Justice Gavegan appointed Benjamin R. Buffett receiver yesterday of the property of James F. Shaw, who came here recently from Boston to become president of the Long Acre Electric Light and Power Company. The appointment of the receiver followed the examination of Mr. Shaw in supplementary proceedings on a judgment. Mr. Shaw testified that he owns only one share of Long Acre stock and gets nothing for his services as president. He earns no other money and owns no securities that are not pledged.

*LIGHTNING STRIKES CHURCH.*

**Bolt Wrecks a Pinnacle of Christ Church in Brooklyn.**

While the second thunderstorm was raging yesterday morning a bolt of lightning struck the tower of Christ Episcopal Church in Clinton and Harrison streets, Brooklyn, smashing one of the four big pinnacles, heavy fragments of which fell into the loft and broke some of the strong beams. The Rev. W. De Forest Johnson, the rector, whose home is directly opposite the church, had been aroused by the storm and from his bedroom window saw the bolt strike the tower and the collapse of one of the pinnacles. He hurried to the edifice and was much relieved to find that the ceiling of the auditorium had not been pierced by the dislodged mass of stone.

The base of the pinnacle was broken into five fragments weighing from fifty to 300 pounds, three of which broke through the roof into the loft. The parishioners were glad that their fine old Gothic edifice had escaped more serious damage.


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"Last May I had an ingrowing toe nail which was very painful, as the side of the nail was edging right down in the side of my toe. I cut the nail out of the cavity it made, and of course applied the Cuticura Ointment to the part affected. It soothed it and in less than ten nights it was all healed through constant use of the ointment. Ten days ago, I had my left hand and wrist burned with boiling lard, and Cuticura Ointment has completely cured them. I have just recommended the Cuticura Remedies to another friend, and she is recovering nicely. I will gladly furnish the names of the people referred to above if anybody doubts what I say." (Signed) Mrs. Margaret Hederson, 77 Highland Ave., Malden, Mass., Oct. 1, 1910.

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# The Provident Loan Society
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Loans from $1 to $1000 upon pledge of personal property.

*INTEREST RATES*

One per cent (1%) per month or fraction thereof.

One-half per cent. (½%) charged upon loans repaid within two weeks from date of making.

*OFFICES*
**MANHATTAN**
Fourth Avenue cor. 25th Street
Eldridge Street cor. Rivington Street
Seventh Ave. bet. 48th & 49th Streets
125th Street cor. Park Avenue
Grand Street cor. Clinton Street
**BROOKLYN**
Graham Avenue cor. Debevoise St
Pitkin Avenue cor. Rockaway Ave

**BRONX OFFICE, 148th St. & Courtlandt Av., NOW OPEN**